Dear Matt, Smith 3/9/94

A letter from Portsmouth today reminds me I've been forgetting to tell you that I have a new book to be out soon, Case Open. The letter praised Selections from Whitewash that man bought in England. So, I suppose Case Open also will be sold there. If I am correct in believing that you and Posner are not exactly eye to eye, I think you'll like it. Although it is much shorter than what I wrote, that was possible because it is so strong. What remains is, I think you will see, just that, strong.

I no longer have any contacts with the British Washington press corps. Used to have good friends among them. Two best were the Telegraph's Steve Barber and of the Times Ian McDonald. His father used to edit the Times. Ian was Louis Heren's assistant. I heard from Louis after he went back to be the American editor. Probably retired now. In 1965 he tried to get his publisher, Weidenfeld & Nicholson, to publish Whitewash. They would not. Ian resigned when the Times wanted him to be, stepingstone, chief Moscow correspondent for two years. He would not subject his wife, an anthropologist and a college professor, to that kind of life for two years. He is information office of the IMF. In fact, possibly through some confusion, Lil expected him and his wife this past Saturday. The only other one I knew then who is probably still active was John Pilger. I hear he switched to TV. Partied with him a few times in New Orleans and went to Dallas with him once. And bent a fender of the car he'd rented and loaned me.

If your media contacts in England include any who might be interested in this new book, possible one that was beaten for ancillary rights to Posner's mistitled Case Closed, I'm sure the publisher would be pleased. They are Richard Gallen/Carroll & Graf, both, although officed separately, at 260 Fifth Avenue, New York 10001.

Last fall, persuant to the law passed to disclose all possible JFK assassination records, the CIA disclosed quite a volume. although far from all, on Oswald. From conversation with one who spent some time working in them, nothing along the line of your belief was disclosed. I can't get there so I've seen none of these records.

Matt, as I say in the book- and prove- Posner has trouble telling the truth even by accident. I say also and also prove it is the most dishonest of the books and that dishonesty was intended, Without it he'd have had no book. Well, he also required some cunningly-hidden literary thievery. I wrote much more than is to be print ed. I suppose it was reduced in size to reduce the cost so it could be sold for less. That was possible because the case is that powerful.

I believe you told me you plan another book. If you want any police photos for it they are now available through the archivist in the office of the Dallas city secretary.

Of the people you probably knew there I believe all are OK. Mary Ferrell sent me word that she'd required surgery, is home and is doing OK.

Our best to you all, especially to the most useful daughter any forgetful father ever had!

Harold